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MINUTES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SUPPORT)

STAFF MEETING

6 February 1957

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1. The necessity for a proposed FE annual Logistics-Finance field conference at [REDACTED] has been questioned by the Chief, FE Division. Colonel White believed that such a conference should be held if it was required to settle a specific important subject, but does not recommend it for a general discussion session only. Mr. Garrison and Mr. Saunders both feel that the decentralization of financial accountability for property would require a conference of the interested officers in the FE area, and it was anticipated that only one Logistics and one Comptroller representative from Washington would attend. This matter is to be given further consideration.

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2. Mr. [REDACTED] submitted the following report on the coordination of Regulations within the DD/S Components: On 2 January, 39 proposed Regulations had been held in the various DD/S Components over 6 weeks; since that date 20 have been processed but 11 new ones have been added, reflecting a net reduction of 9. Colonel White requested that Mr. [REDACTED] submit a similar report at the first Staff meeting in March.

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3. Messrs. Stewart, [REDACTED] discussed the proposed CMA legislative package and the problems with which they have been confronted. The major difficulties encountered result from (a) an informal reaction received from the Bureau of the Budget and the Civil Service Commission, and (b) the extent to which we should seek our own legislation in view of the existing broad authority of the Director contained in Public Law 110. [REDACTED] pointed out that in a draft letter to the Bureau of the Budget the Civil Service Commission took several exceptions to our proposed legislation. However, it is believed that most of the items can be resolved satisfactorily and still accomplish what we intended. All offices and staffs are urged to give priority treatment to the legislative program, if contacted on matters within their various functions.

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There was considerable discussion of our proposed retirement plan. In order to bring an accelerated retirement plan for this Agency in line with that granted to certain other agencies of the Government, it will be necessary to apply such a plan to a particular group of employees and not across the board to all personnel of the Agency. A recommendation will be made to the Career Council to accomplish this by authorizing early retirement and additional credit only to those employees who have served more than five years overseas. The Career Council will be requested to

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approve a stated general objective upon which an accelerated retirement plan will be based.

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4. Colonel White welcomed Mr. [REDACTED] on TUE from [REDACTED] to attend the War Planners Conference. Mr. [REDACTED] gave a brief run-down of his assignment in [REDACTED]

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5. At the 13 February meeting the following presentations will be given:

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"Headquarters Emergency Communications Systems" -
[REDACTED] and

"Major Storage Locations and Dollar Values by Commodity Groups" - Mr. Garrison.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1205 hours.

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